

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: August 13, 2012
Management Committee: August 8, 2012
Metropolitan Council: August 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 31, 2012
Subject:	2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes Section 473.13, sub. 1 – Council Budget Requirements
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Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Council amend the 2012 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the attached table.

Background

MTS is requesting operating budget amendments as a result of Metro Mobility ridership growth and a Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for I-35W South service as described below.

Metro Mobility, by federal law, is not permitted to deny trip requests by ADA certified riders that begin and end within ¾ mile of any all-day fixed route service during the times fixed route service is available. In addition, state law requires that all ADA certified riders receive Metro Mobility service within the Transit Taxing District, as established by the State effective March 2006.

The 2012 budget assumed Metro Mobility ridership growth between 3% and 5%. For the first six months of 2012, ridership compared to the same period for 2011 was up 9.5%. Growth for the remainder of 2012 is expected to be about 10%. This additional demand for service requires Metro Mobility to increase service hours and fuel usage. These increased service costs will be partially offset by higher fare revenues and state fuel tax credits. The \$2,495,000 net cost of the service level increase will be covered with existing reserves (fund balances). With this amendment, Metro Mobility's 2012 operating budget will be \$47,522,544.

Through the 2009 Regional Solicitation Process, MVTA submitted and received a CMAQ award for three years of operating assistance and six forty-foot buses on I-35W South for express service between Savage and downtown Minneapolis as well as limited stop service from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. MVTA intends to begin operating this new service on September 4, 2012. The Council has applied for the federal funds and will enter into a sub-recipient agreement with MVTA to provide the funding.

The specific changes for MTS are as follows:

Metropolitan Transportation Services

Metro Mobility

Increase/(Decrease) in Revenues: \$370,000; Expenditures: \$2,865,000; Reserves: (\$2,495,000)

- Increase anticipated fare revenue \$310,000 to recognize higher than expected ridership and fare collections.
- Increase state tax fuel credits by \$60,000 to recognize higher fuel usage and the corresponding tax credit.
- Increase transit programs expense by \$2,122,000 to account for increased service hours needed by Metro Mobility to address additional service demand.
- Increase materials and supplies (fuel) expense by \$743,000 to account for increased fuel usage by Metro Mobility fleet to address additional service demand.

Contracted Services

Increase/(Decrease) in Revenues: \$151,260; Expenditures: \$151,260; Reserves: \$0

- Increase federal revenues by \$151,260 to recognize FTA funds that will be used to pay 80% of the new MVTA I-35W transit service cost. The local match required for these funds will be provided by the Council in the form of a capital asset match funded by RTC.
- Increase grants-governmental (pass-through) expense by \$151,260 to recognize the expense related to sub-recipient payments made to MVTA.

Rationale

This amendment recognizes Metro Mobility's increased ridership demand and the associated fare revenue, state tax fuel credits and expense adjustments required to meet that demand. It also allows the Council to pass through federal funds awarded to MVTA.

Funding

The \$2,495,000 net costs associated with the ADA increase in ridership demand will be funded out of Metro Mobility's existing fund balance. This use of reserves will drop Metro Mobility below its Council approved target fund balance of 10%. This use of reserves will be replenished in 2012 with Regionally Allocated MVST. The MVTA pass-through portion of the amendment has no fiscal impact on the Council.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports the approval of funding for the start-up of I-35W South service. There is no known opposition to this amendment.

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	2012 Adopted Budget	2012 Amended Budget	Metro Transit Bus	Metro Transit Rail	Metro Transit Northstar	Total Metro Transit	Metro Mobility	Contracted Services	Transportation Planning	Total Metropolitan Transportation Services	2012 Revised Budget
Revenues											
State Revenues											
Motor Vehicle Sales Taxes	\$ 168,132,000	\$ 168,132,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,132,000
State Revenues	40,184,884	40,184,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,184,884
Total State Revenues	\$ 208,316,884	\$ 208,316,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,316,884
Other Revenues											
Federal Revenues	44,231,048	44,408,648	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,260	\$ -	\$ -	44,408,648
Local Revenues	23,806,213	23,806,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,806,213
Investment Earnings	682,000	682,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	682,000
Other Revenues	884,889	884,889	-	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000	944,889
Fares - Base	92,689,964	92,689,964	-	-	-	-	310,000	-	-	310,000	92,999,964
Contract & Special Event Revenue	9,243,795	9,243,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,243,795
Transfer in from other funds	13,703,004	13,703,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,703,004
Total Revenues	\$ 393,557,797	\$ 393,735,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ 151,260	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ 394,105,397
Expenses											
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 238,123,912	\$ 238,345,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,345,912
Consulting & Contractual Services	16,383,621	16,383,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,383,621
Materials & Supplies	24,513,319	24,513,319	-	-	-	-	743,000	-	-	743,000	25,256,319
Rent & Utilities	6,314,197	6,314,197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,314,197
Printing	93,250	93,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,250
Travel	37,000	37,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,000
Insurance	4,456,362	4,411,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,411,962
Transit Programs	57,449,328	57,449,328	-	-	-	-	2,122,000	-	-	2,122,000	59,571,328
Operating Capital	68,820	68,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,820
Grants - Governmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,260	-	151,260	151,260
Other Operating Expenses	27,528,060	27,528,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,528,060
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 374,967,869	\$ 375,145,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,865,000	\$ 151,260	\$ -	\$ 3,016,260	\$ 378,161,729
Other Uses											
Interdivisional Expense Alloc-MT & LRT	\$ 18,482,751	\$ 18,482,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,482,751
A-87- Metropolitan Transportation Services	1,693,890	1,693,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,693,890
Planning Chargeback Expense	(21,150)	(21,150)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,150)
Total Other Uses	\$ 20,155,491	\$ 20,155,491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,155,491
MVST Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (To) / From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses and Uses	\$ 395,123,360	\$ 395,300,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,865,000	\$ 151,260	\$ -	\$ 3,016,260	\$ 398,317,220
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,565,563)	\$ (1,565,563)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,495,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,646,260)	\$ (4,211,823)